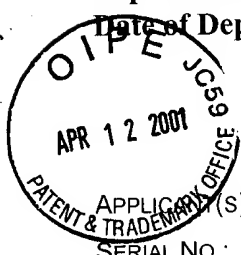


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three (3)-month extension of time to respond to the October 13, 2000, Notice of Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before April 13, 2001. A check in the amount of \$445.00, in payment of the required fee is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21465-501 CIP (C454-1). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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